Agriculture Insurance Company

5130. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the newly registered Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited is going to become a bone of contention between the Union Finance and Agricultural Ministries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YAD AV): (a) No, Sir. (b) Question does not arise.

Promotion of herbal and medical plants

5131. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the programmes being implemented by Government for the promotion of herbal and medicinal plants; and

(b) the percentage of production during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The following programmes are being implemented by the Government of India for the promotion of herbal and medicinal plants:

1. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation in the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of States' efforts through Work Plans. Under this scheme the State Governments can prioritise their activities as per the felt needs and requirements among various programmes including development of medicinal and aromatic plants.

2 The Department of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy (DISMH) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the following schemes:

(i) Central Scheme for development & cultivation of Medicinal Plants.

(ii) Central Scheme for development of Agro-techniques & cultivation of Medicinal Plants. Besides, the DISMH have constituted a National Medicinal Plants Board for overseeing the development of medicinal plants, which is implementing various programmes for the development of medicinal plants.

(b) No estimates are available about the production of herbal and medicinal plants during the last three years.